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Read the passage about the effect of the Nile upon Ancient Egypt and answer the below question.  
  
“All these customs are practiced by the Egyptians who dwell above the fens [swamps]….  
“When the river has become full and the plains have become flooded, there grow in the water great number of lilies, which the Egyptians call lotus; these they cut with a sickle [curved knife], and then they pound that which grows in the middle of the lotus…and they make of it loaves baked with fire….”  
“Besides this they pull up from the fens the papyrus which grows every year, and the upper pars of it they cut off and turn to making papyrus scrolls….”  
“Some, too, of these people live on fish alone…. When the Nile begins to swell, the hollow places of the land…first begin to fill…and soon they become full of water…filled with little fishes….”  
“…Those who dwell in the fens use oil from castor-berry…which they sow [plant] along the banks of the river…. The oil is fat and is as suitable for burning as olive oil, but gives forth a disagreeable smell which is good for keeping gnats away.”  
“Their boats with which they carry cargoes… are caulked [sealed] with papyrus…and they have sails of papyrus.”  
  
Questions:  
  
1. What goods or products come from the Nile?  
the nile produced lots of water and the plants and fish in it can produce food for the people.  
  
2. What tools or inventions are used to "harvest" the Nile?  
they used boats to carry things back and forth from the nile. They also use a mallet/hammer to pound wheat to flour. They also used a sickle to cut locust.  
  
3. How, according to Herodotus, did the Ancient Egyptians use the Nile, and with what tools, in order to sustain themselves?  
They used a bunch of tools to sustain themselves and used them to cook and many more things.  They used hammers to pound wheat and sickles to cut locust.

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